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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK  
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In re Application of George E. Fox,  
Richard C. Willson III and Zhengdong Zhang  
Serial No.: 10/057,270

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) Examiner  
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 9 June 2010 by Examiner Sims, consideration of the following Supplemental Amendments and Remarks is solicited.

The undersigned Attorney certifies that this Amendment is being filed in the USPTO on 9 August 2010 by fax to 1571 273 8300.
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No Additional fee is believed due as the number of independent claims is now three and the number of dependent claims (19) is unchanged.

Claim 10 was not rejected in the previous office action and the claims herein are submitted with a view toward disposing of this case. The limitations of Claim 10 have been added to independent Claims 4 and 40 and of Claim 4 added to Claim 10. Right is reserved to file a divisional or continuation.